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Committee Bill No. 6454

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PACKAGE STORES TO SELL CIGARS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
5 liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only
6 in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store
7 permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the
8 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of
9 chapter 54, offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the
10 premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and
11 demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a
12 permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to
13 charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine
14 education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises
15 shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted
16 to sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91. No tasting of wine on the

17 premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked bottles at any
18 one time. No store operating under a package store permit shall sell
19 any commodity other than alcoholic liquor except that,
20 notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store may sell (1)
21 cigarettes and cigars, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which shall
22 include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage strainers,
23 stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to the
24 consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic liquor
25 shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper, which
26 may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be any
27 item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of the
28 nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic
29 items of the package, (5) complementary fresh fruits used in the
30 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (6) cheese or crackers, or
31 both, (7) olives, ~~[(7)]~~ (8) nonalcoholic beverages, ~~[(8)]~~ (9) concentrates
32 used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, ~~[(9)]~~ (10) beer
33 and wine-making kits and products related to beer and wine-making
34 kits, ~~[(10)]~~ (11) ice in any form, ~~[(11)]~~ (12) articles of clothing imprinted
35 with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry, ~~[(12)]~~ (13) gift
36 baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, ~~[(13)]~~ (14) multiple
37 packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined in subdivision (3) of section
38 30-1, provided in all such cases the minimum retail selling price for
39 such alcoholic liquor shall apply, ~~[(14)]~~ (15) lottery tickets authorized
40 by the Department of Consumer Protection, if licensed as an agent to
41 sell such tickets by said department, and ~~[(15)]~~ (16) gift baskets
42 containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and commodities
43 authorized for sale under subdivisions (1) to [(14)] (15), inclusive, of
44 this subsection. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and
45 transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other states.
46 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit
47 shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or
48 giveaway sponsored by the Department of Consumer Protection. The
49 annual fee for a package store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five
50 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-20(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow package stores to sell cigars.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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